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For: **ENCODING METHOD,
ENCODING APPARATUS,
DECODING METHOD,
DECODING APPARATUS AND
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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

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